

I am Dumas Lafontant.

As director of outreach at Whittier Street Health Center, I understand that to eliminate the health and social disparities in our community, we need to go beyond our walls and bring health education and access to health care into the community.

As the community served by Carney Hospital has grown increasingly diverse, the cultural and language barriers have prevented thousands of individuals from receiving the care they and their families need. In response to these issues, the Hospital has collaborated with many community-based organizations, including the Haitian Multi-Service Center and Vietnamese-American Civic Association to expand health education programs for bilingual community residents, increased the amount and type of health information that is translated, ensured that skilled medical interpreters and bilingual physicians are available to those who need them.

As a result, our community receives the culturally competent health care it needs now...and will continue well into the future with the resources that Cerberus will bring to Carney Hospital.

Please approve this deal and allow Carney Hospital to be a light in our community. Thank you.